

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks. Claims 21-28 are pending in this application. Although Applicants respectfully maintain that Brownell does not teach the transformation of the waste integrated immobilizing mineral to a more stable mineral, as explained in Applicants' prior response, in the interests of furthering prosecution, claims 29-30 have been cancelled. No new matter enters by this amendment.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the withdrawal of the rejections under Sections 102, 103, and 112, as well as the objections to the specification and drawings. To overcome the sole remaining rejection under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-22 and 36-43 of U.S. Patent No. 6,734,334, a new terminal disclaimer signed by an attorney of record has been submitted concurrently herewith. Thus, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested. Thus, claims 21-28 are believed to be immediately allowable, and indication of such allowance is respectfully requested.

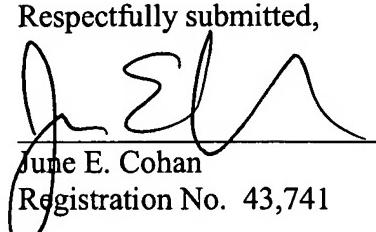
Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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